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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The proposal seeks Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission approval of:

- 1) A long-term park boundary for Saint Edward State Park that includes certain private and additional public lands near Saint Edward State Park in King County. The long-term boundary of the park represents that area which the agency deems desirable for management, consistent with the park mission.
- 2) Specific land classification system for properties within the long-term boundary. The purpose of Land Classification is to provide general policy guidance to staff on appropriate management and use of land holdings in the state park for recreational activities and developments in areas of a park.

Within the long-term boundary, staff with the help of the Saint Edward Advisory Committee has developed recommendation for classification. Land classification is like internal zoning for the park. Land classification is regulated by WAC 352-16-020. Although all classifications were considered for the park, three land classes are proposed as part of this action. As described in WAC 352-16-020 the classifications proposed for the park are:

- (1) Recreational areas are suited and/or developed for high-intensity outdoor recreational use, conference, cultural and/or educational centers, or other use serving large numbers of people.
- (2) Resource recreation areas are suited and/or developed for natural and/or cultural resource-based medium-intensity and low-intensity outdoor recreations use.
- (3) Heritage areas are designated for preservation, restoration, and interpretation of unique or unusual archaeological, historic, scientific, and/or cultural features, and traditional cultural properties, which are of statewide or national significance.

Appropriate land classifications were identified by with Parks' staff and the Advisory Committee. The final recommendations for the park were chosen to provide a high level of protection to the park's natural and historic resources while considering current and future recreational uses and opportunities.

The proposal classifies State Parks' land, adjacent and public and private holdings identified as potential additions to Saint Edward State Park, and State Parks' land that may be appropriate for acquisition. Important note: proposed land classifications are for State Parks policy direction only and should not be used as a basis for making local government decisions on private land holding within the proposed long term boundary of Saint Edward State Park.

Within the proposed long term boundary, there are properties that the park may be interested in co-managing or acquiring. All options will be subject to future decisions by the Commission and further SEPA analysis.

Maps showing the application of these classifications to Saint Edward State Park according to the



staff recommended land classifications, including a depiction of the long-term boundaries, are available by email or hard copy upon request, or can be found at:
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/sted/>

The review for this proposal will be phased. "Phased review" means the coverage of general matters in broader environmental documents, with subsequent narrower documents concentrating solely on issues specific to the later analysis (WAC 197-11-776). Phased review will allow State Parks to focus on decisions regarding the proposed land classification designations and long-term boundary. This is the first phase of environmental analysis for Saint Edward State Park. Subsequent phases will include environmental analysis for specific project actions at such time developments or other actions are proposed.

Proponent: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The proposed non-project action encompasses Saint Edward State Park and certain private and public properties within the long-term boundary for the park. Administrative offices for Saint Edward State Park are located at S 14445 Juanita Drive NE, Kenmore, WA 98028.

Lead agency: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☒ There is no comment period for this DNS.

Although there is no comment period required for the proposed action, all comments are welcome and will be considered. **Please address your comments to Bill Koss, Manager, Planning & Research at the above letterhead address, or at bill.koss@parks.wa.gov** by December 29, 2006 so they may be incorporated into the staff report for this item. You may also provide testimony at the January 12, 2007 regularly scheduled Commission meeting in Normandy Park, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Normandy Park Community Club (The Cove) located at 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park, WA 98166.

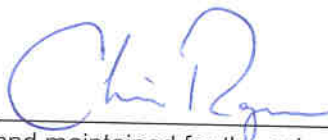
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There is no agency SEPA appeal; however all comments are welcome and will be thoroughly considered.